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PAT HARPER: There are allegations that nine former members of the Green Berets went to Libya to train terrorists in 1977, with the possible unspoken approval of the United States Army. Reports in the New York Times and Boston Globe say the Green Berets thought they'd been sent to infiltrate the Libyan government.

Retired Green Beret Sergeant Luke Thompson says he was approached in 1977 with an offer of big money in return for a team of Green Berets. He informed Army Intelligence and was given the first of several go aheads. Well, he wound up in Libya with the other Green Berets.

A shadowy, one-time CIA agent, Edwin Wilson, paid the men and told them to give the Libyans whatever information or training they needed. But Thompson refused to train the Libyan commandoes and he returned home.

Since then he says federal authorities won't talk to him. He says his life has been threatened. And he says former Green Berets may remain in Libya training commandoes.

Meanwhile, the former CIA agent, Wilson, is accused -- is in prison in Libya or, excuse me, a fugitive in Libya and accused of selling them explosives.

The CIA says some former employees did, quote, provide support for Libyan terrorists four years ago, but the Agency denies knowing anything about it at the time.

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